

Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 10, 14, 17, 24, 31, 33 and 37. Applicant sets forth below a complete listing of the claims with the corresponding status indicated for each claim.

1. (Currently Amended) A process comprising:
 - providing a database that comprises an image associated with a spot color pattern name;
 - receiving a print job comprising the spot color pattern name;
 - adding page description language (“PDL”) code to the print job for painting the image as a PostScript pattern in the print job;
 - executing the PDL code in the print job;
 - extracting the image from the database; and
 - painting the image as a PostScript pattern in the print job.
2. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1, wherein the image is definable by a user.
3. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1, further comprising providing a user interface that allows a user to create, modify and/or delete the image and the spot color pattern name.
7. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1, further comprising adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.

8. (Currently Amended) A process comprising:
providing a Raster Image Processor (RIP) comprising a database that includes a first image associated with a first spot color pattern name, the first image adapted to be painted in a print job as a PostScript® pattern to simulate specialized print media;
receiving a request from an application program for access to the first image; and
sending the requested first image from the RIP to the application program.
9. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 8, further comprising storing the received first image for further references by a user.
10. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 8, further comprising:
receiving a request from the application program for a second image associated with a second spot color pattern name, the second image adapted to be painted in the print job as a PostScript pattern to simulate specialized print media;
searching the database for the second spot color pattern name; and
if the second spot color pattern name is not found in the database, sending an image and an associated spot color pattern name from the application program to the RIP for storage in the database as the second image and the second spot color pattern name.
11. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 8, further comprising downloading any required spot color pattern names and associated images from the application program to the RIP when a print job is sent to the RIP to be printed.
12. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 8, wherein the first image is definable by a user.
13. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 8, further comprising providing a user interface on the RIP that allows a user to create, modify, and/or delete images and associated spot color pattern names in the database.

14. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 8, wherein the process further comprises:
- receiving a user's print job at the RIP, the print job comprising the first spot color pattern name;
 - adding page description language (PDL) code to the print job for painting the first image as a PostScript pattern in the print job;
 - executing the PDL code in the print job;
 - extracting the first image from the database; and
 - painting the first image as a PostScript pattern in the print job.
16. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 14, further comprising adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.
17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
- a database that comprises an image associated with a spot color pattern name;
 - a module for receiving a print job comprising the spot color pattern name;
 - means for adding page description language (PDL) code to the print job for painting the image as a PostScript® pattern in the print job;
 - a module for executing the PDL code;
 - a module for extracting the image from the database; and
 - a module for painting the image as a PostScript pattern in the print job.
18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the image is definable by a user.
19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising a module for providing a user interface that allows a user to create, modify and/or delete the image and the spot color pattern name.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising a module for adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.

24. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a method comprising:

- providing a database that comprises an image associated with a spot color pattern name;
- receiving a print job comprising the spot color pattern name;
- adding page description language (PDL) code to the print job for painting the image as a PostScript® pattern in the print job;
- executing the PDL code;
- extracting the image from the database; and
- painting the image as a PostScript pattern in the print job.

25. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 24, wherein the image is definable by a user.

26. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 24, wherein the method further comprises providing a user interface that allows a user to create, modify and/or delete the image and the spot color pattern name.

30. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 24, wherein the method further comprises adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.

31. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a method comprising:

providing a Raster Image Processor (RIP) comprising a database that includes a first image associated with a first spot color pattern name, the first image adapted to be painted in a print job as a PostScript® pattern to simulate specialized print media;

receiving a request from an application program for access to the first image; and

sending the requested first image from the RIP to the application program.

32. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 31, further comprising storing the received first image for further references by a user.

33. (Currently Amended) The program storage medium of Claim 31, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a request from the application program for a second image associated with a second spot color pattern name, the second image adapted to be painted in the print job as a PostScript pattern to simulate specialized print media;

searching the database for the second spot color pattern name; and

if the second spot color pattern name is not found in the database, sending an image and an associated spot color pattern name from the application program to the RIP for storage in the database as the second image and the second spot color pattern name.

34. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 31, wherein the method further comprises downloading any required spot color pattern names and associated images from the application program to the RIP when a print job is sent to the RIP to be printed.

35. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 31, wherein the first image is definable by a user.

36. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 31, wherein the method further comprises providing a user interface on the RIP that allows a user to create, modify, and/or delete images and associated spot color pattern names in the database.

37. (Currently Amended) The program storage medium of Claim 31, wherein the method further comprises:

- receiving a user's print job at the RIP, the print job comprising the first spot color pattern name and page description language (PDL) code;

- adding page description language (PDL) code to the print job for painting the first image as a PostScript pattern in the print job;

- executing the PDL code;

- extracting the first image from the database; and

- painting the first image as a PostScript pattern in the print job.

39. (Previously Presented) The program storage medium of Claim 37, wherein the method further comprises adding additional PDL code to the print job to perform other tasks that include mirroring or four-way mirroring to prevent stitches from appearing in printed output.